

The Agency

State Water Resources Board

Agency Operations

The Rhode Island Water Resources Board is a water supply development and regulatory agency, which promotes the planning, development, and conservation of water supplies to ensure that sufficient water resources are available for present and future generations of Rhode Islanders. The board accomplishes this broad program responsibility through the 39 municipal water supply systems located around the State. The board oversees the planning, coordination, development and allocation of both surface and ground water supplies by the municipal systems to ensure the availability and quality of water. The Board may additionally acquire sites, dams, water rights, rights of way, easements and other property for reservoirs, groundwater wells, well sites, pumping stations and filtration plants for the treatment and distribution of water as well as construction of water systems.

The Board is directed by a General Manager who is appointed by the Board to carry out its policy and direction. The Board is comprised of ten members. Five members represent the public and are appointed by the Governor of which two are affiliated with the public water supply systems; one appointed by the agriculture council; the four remaining members are the Director of the Department of Environmental Management, the Director of the Economic Development Corporation, the Director of the Department of Health, the Director of the Department of Administration.

Agency Objectives

Promote the planning, development, allocation and conservation of the State's water resources.

Statutory History

The Rhode Island Water Resources Board was established in 1967. Chapter 15 of Title 46 of the Rhode Island General Laws authorizes the organization and functions of the board.

The Budget

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	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Revised	FY 2007 Recommended
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	766,481	1,506,349	1,897,530	2,005,954
Other State Operations	220,425	235,041	244,029	236,361
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	601,162	654,992	597,112	90,887
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$1,588,068	\$2,396,382	\$2,738,671	\$2,333,202
Capital Improvements	616,754	238,822	131,156	80,600
Capital Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$2,204,822	\$2,635,204	\$2,869,827	\$2,413,802
Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	911,497	1,087,511	1,876,879	1,933,202
Federal Grants	553,805	606,874	500,000	-
Restricted Receipts	537,975	848,273	361,792	400,000
Other Funds	201,545	92,546	131,156	80,600
Total Expenditures	\$2,204,822	\$2,635,204	\$2,869,827	\$2,413,802
FTE Authorization	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.5
Agency Measures				
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	-	-	14.1%	14.1%
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	55.5%	50.0%	44.4%	44.4%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	-	-	-	-
Program Measures				
Number of Houses Remaining at the Big River Management Area	41	39	37	35
Emergency Water Connections Established per Year	4	4	4	4
Cummulative Percentage of Draft Water Studies Received	55.0%	89.0%	86.0%	95.0%